

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place In the Greatest State in the Union

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very Little Actual Labor

The business men of Hopkins are talking about organizing a commercial club there.

"The flapper style is said to be going," notes the Sedalia Capital, "but it is also going some."

Miss Martha Martin of Burlington Junction celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday Monday. Her nephew, R. N. Barber, and Mrs. Barber took dinner with her.

Friday was the shortest day in the year. The sun rose at 7:34 o'clock a. m. and set at 4:59 o'clock p. m., making the day nine hours and twenty-five minutes long.

"There is a man in Fulton who claims to have worn one pair of pants for 25 years," notes the Joplin Globe. "He must have the sort of wife who never lets a man sit down."

Perry Allen of Princeton, the Telegraph says, has been operating a saw mill for about 44 years and has probably sawed more logs into lumber than any other man in the county.

"Again," remarks the St. Joseph News-Press dazedly, "it is surprising what a fine astronomical display one can see who dons a pair of ice skates for the first time in many years."

A little girl over at Maryville hit the nail on the head recently in explaining that Missouri stands at the head in raising mules. That's the only safe place to stand, the little girl thinks.

At last! The Tina Interior Journal has found out why a chicken crosses the road. "It is so she can run back again the other way in front of an automobile," explains the Interior Journal.

"The editor of the Standard is not worrying about the length of skirts these days," declares that individual in the Sikeston Standard, emphatically, and explains: "He is close on 60 and his eyesight is poor."

"The man who has to get up and start the fire in the cook stove would be interested in a piece of kindling in the Burlington yards recently," notes the Macon Chronicle-Herald. "It was a sawed timber from the Oregon forests and extended the length of three flat cars."

The Greenfield Vedette would like to know if pooling a rabbit makes him an oyster. The Hickory Grove correspondent reports that the hunters of Acorn Ridge pooled their rabbits Thanksgiving and had a big oyster supper.

In the days before they got their money we are told a certain Maryville woman went to church to see what the other women were wearing. Now that dad has made his pile she goes to church to let other women see what she is wearing.—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

Rev. J. R. Hamlin, 92, pioneer citizen of the Ozark region and father of ex-Representative C. W. Hamlin, died at Springfield Friday night. His grandson, Willard W. Hamlin, was elected to the state senate at the last election.

There's one thing about Excelsior Springs. They have nice, humble, modest thieves, anyhow, according to the Call, which reports that back-door thieves are busy in the town and that eatables are mostly the things taken.

The oldest man in Bates county, Jeremiah Bowen of Rockville, 98 years old, died Saturday. He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, January 1, 1825, and moved to Indiana in 1826. He came to Bates county in 1870 and has since resided here.

County and city authorities here are searching for W. Madden, formerly of Fort Dodge, Ia., who, in addition to swindling a score of Moberly women out of money totaling \$200, stole Prosecuting Attorney Redick O'Bryan's overcoat.

Merrill Thurman killed a rabbit Tuesday and didn't even know he shot at one until he saw the bunny wiggling close to his feet. He and Richard

Winkler were standing talking when Merrill's gun was accidentally discharged, killing the unseen rabbit in a bunch of grass.—Howell County Gazette.

A motor car driven by James Redd, living northeast of Richmond, ran over and killed Samuel Sprinkel, 72 years old, a retired farmer of Richmond, Friday afternoon. Redd was arrested about four miles from the city and will be held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

"Bill Knott, living up near Tina, lays claim to a certain distinction," says the Carrollton Republican-Record. "He is 54 years old and has only been in a barber shop twice in his life. Once about thirty years ago he braved the rigors of a barber shop at DeWitt, and last week he was again in a chair at Tina."

Mrs. H. E. Buckler, about 34 years old, was killed near Weston Friday when the Ford car she was driving ran over a 30-foot embankment one and one-half miles from that place. Her husband, a widely known Platte county tobacco grower, bought the machine three days ago.

Down near Moberly is a youth whose "middle name is Caution." One day not long ago he bought a ticket to Huntsville, seven miles away, and asked for \$5,000 worth of insurance. He said reports of three wrecks in one day were enough for him. The trip was without mishap.

"It looked like the old river days in Boonville this morning when a fleet of sixteen government craft were in port here," says the Boonville Republican. "Among them was the snagboat Mandan, which hadn't been in the local port or this part of the Missouri river for twelve years."

The Shelby Democrat reports that Mrs. H. T. Burkhead, nearly 80 years of age, does all her own gardening and has sold \$200 worth of produce last season in addition to what she raised for her own use. She gardens about an acre and hires the plowing done but does all the rest of the work herself, including the spading of the entire garden in the spring.

A telegram was received by W. H. Landers, December 18, informing him of the death of Mr. Isaiah Landers, oldest brother of W. H. and J. M. Landers and Mrs. J. J. Holt and J. C. Landers of Van Buren, Ark., and J. C. Wm. Fleming. He died at the advanced age of 88 years. He was born in Marion county, Ky., and moved with his parents to Missouri in 1839. His home was in Union county, Oregon.—Savannah Reporter.

"A former citizen of Eldorado Springs recently died leaving an estate of \$6,000," reports the Carthage Press. "He had no relatives and his will provided that the interest from his estate each year be used in sending Christmas cheer to the needy families of his old home town, which is the most splendid sort of a monument."

It is reported that one result of the 10 million dollar cotton crop in South-east Missouri this year is an influx of negroes moving from Memphis to Pemiscot and Dunklin and other Southeast Missouri counties. It is planned to plant cotton in Missouri on a much larger scale the coming year and put it back again amongst the cotton-growing states of the union.

"The Democratic politicians in booming Mrs. Edward James of Holden for chaplain of the next lower house of the general assembly are playing a dirty fish trick on a defenseless woman," declares the Ulrich Herald indignantly. "If praying for the Missouri legislature isn't a man's job we'd like to know where there is one."

George W. Murphy has sold his farm to Thomas and G. F. Foster. This place consists of 503 acres and is known as the old Dave Leavel farm and is one of the very best farms in Platte county. It is understood that the price paid was \$145 an acre. A few years ago when real estate was at the top this place would have brought \$300 an acre.—Dearborn Democrat.

"An elephant's tusk buried 55 feet below the bed of the Missouri river

was blasted out of a seam of limestone recently by employees of the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, excavating for a pier of the new bridge," reports the Boonville Republican. "The animal evidently roamed over this part of the country hundreds of thousands of years ago."

There probably is only one citizen of Bates county now living upon the farm he entered from the federal government and that is Lewis C. Eichler. He lives on the farm he entered in 1857. Mr. Eichler was born in St. Charles county, Missouri, in 1835, and his parents were natives of Maryland.

The charred remains of Charles H. Jones were found in a burning tent near Jatan about midnight Tuesday. Mr. Jones had been a sufferer from asthma for a long time and to such an extent that it was necessary for him to sleep out of doors, so for this reason he occupied a tent. The theory is that he had become asphyxiated, and suffocated to death before the flames were discovered by passers-by.

According to the Bethany Republican, the Cuniff family who live near Bethany have about decided that December 10th is their unlucky day. Last year a big barn burned on that date and this year a big flock of their sheep got through a hole in the right-of-way fence along the railroad on that date and sixty of them were either killed or maimed so they had to be killed.

Among those from Plattburg and other places who renewed their subscription to the Democrat the past week was our friend, "Uncle" Dennis Downey. We believe we can say without successful contradiction that "Uncle Dennis" is one of the most active men in Missouri for his age. He was 64 years old the 29th of last September. He wrote the check which paid his subscription without using his glasses. He is unusually active for one of his age and this fact is a source of much pleasure to his friends.—Clinton County Democrat.

The chicken-risers around Liberty certainly owe John Ligon of Nashua vicinity a big chicken dinner or some reward for his year's work. So far he has trapped 100 hawks, no doubt saving many hundreds of chickens thereby, according to the Liberty Advance. His method is to kill a rabbit and place steel traps all around it. The hawks are caught when they come to feast on the rabbit.

Suit for \$300,000 damages was filed Friday afternoon in circuit court by Whit Kemper, of Clinton, against Walter S. Dickey, charging false arrest and imprisonment and malicious persecution. The suit is based on the same allegations contained in a suit recently dismissed in Judge Samuel A. Dew's division of the circuit court. Kemper charges he was falsely accused of the theft of Dickey's motor car, December 18, 1920.

A patent issued by President Harding to Lester O. Staples of Burlington Junction for one acre and sixty-eight hundredths of an acre located south and west of Burlington Junction on the Nodaway river was filed in the office of Dan R. Baker, recorder of deeds, Saturday. This is the first patent to be recorded with the name of President Harding signed to it in the recorder's office here. There are many patents recorded here, but a number of them bear the signature of James Buchanan as president.—Nodaway Democrat-Forum.

Probably this is the reason why apples are so high in the city. "Joseph Rutup of Washburn shipped a bushel of choice apples to Minneapolis with the intention of disposing of his crop if he made a reasonable profit," says the Louisiana Journal. "He received a letter stating the apples were satisfactory and he would receive 75 cents a bushel. Transportation was 72 cents and postage 2 cents, so he made a profit of 1 cent."

"A meteor of great brilliance flashed through the sky at 7:30 recently and descended near Conway where it exploded with a boom heard in many nearby towns," reports the Verona Advocate. "The meteor was observed in a wide section between Marshfield and Newburg. Observers of it at Lebanon thought it fell near Marshfield and at Marshfield they believed it fell between Conway and Nangua. For a time rumors were current in Springfield that a great dynamiting outrage had been committed."

Down in the Jamaica Bend country the woodpeckers were slightly diligent in storing pecans last fall. The farm the barn is enclosed with the posts of which have been enough that they offer excellent ladders for the nests of the birds. Every post contains a cavity made by the woodpeckers and filled with nuts, goes to a post and from a pint to a quart each one. Earlier in

the nuts were ripening, one bird was filling a cavity in a tree limb. The owner of the tree saw the bird dropping the nuts into the hole and with a chisel cut an opening on the lower side of the limb and attached a sack under the opening. The flicker carried about two gallons of nuts and dropped them into the sack before he discovered that he was being robbed.—Carrollton Republican-Record.

"These are the days of hardship," mourns the Carrollton Republican-Record, "when a man rises to the sublime heights of heroism about 7 a. m. every morning when the fire in the furnace has died from natural causes during the night." Does Editor Strong need to get up earlier?

According to the Hannibal Courier-Post, Marion county was robbed of a record by the death, the other day, of Ruth Medley, 16 years old, who weighed 840 pounds. Although unusually large from babyhood, Miss Medley was always in good health and died of an ordinary throat malady.

The best ear of corn produced in the United States this year was grown in Missouri, according to five judges at the International Stock Show at Chicago. The judges awarded sweepstakes honors Friday in the single ear class to Alva Mann, of King City, Mo., in a contest in which eight hundred single ears of corn from all parts of the country were shown. Mann, who is thus made single-ear corn champion of the world, exhibited Reid's yellow dent.

"Mrs. Annie Dickerson of this city has a large collection of interesting coins accumulated by her late husband during the years he was cashier of the Old Bank here," relates the Shelby Democrat. "In the collection are thirty-seven 2-cent pieces, dated from 1863 to 1871; sixteen 3-cent pieces from 1865 to 1868; fourteen half-dime silver pieces from 1843 to 1870; five 25-cent pieces dated from 1881 to 1878; a 50-cent piece dated 1837; a silver dollar dated 1859, and eight gold dollars of ancient vintage."

According to the Howell County Gazette, the citizens of Ava not long ago purchased the Short Line, a little railroad built over the hills and valleys to the county seat of Douglas county. They call it the Blue Bird and travelers setting off at Mansfield can embark immediately for the thirteen miles of scenery. When a traveling salesman comes to Ava the merchants promptly ask him how he got there and are so loyal to their railroad that if he came by jitney he gets nary an order.

At last the St. Clair county court house is completed. It will be recalled that quite a number of years ago when the proposition to build a new court house was voted down in that county, and it became clear that an issue of bonds for that purpose would never meet with the approval of the voters, the law was looked into and it was found that there was nothing to prevent the court from "repairing" the old structure. Accordingly a comprehensive program of repairing was adopted which would ultimately lead to having a new court house. Succeeding courts have carried on this plan, each year seeing more of the old court house torn away and new work done, until at last the "repaired" building is to all intents and purposes a new building and every piece of work was paid for as it was completed.

Resignation of seventy deputy revenue collectors was asked Tuesday by Arnold J. Hellmich of St. Louis, internal revenue collector for the eastern division of Missouri. The deputies affected by Hellmich's request, all of whom were appointed by Hellmich's predecessor, Geo. H. Moore, are: J. H. Richardson, division chief at Cape Girardeau; J. W. Perry, division chief at Hannibal; C. L. Overall, deputy collector at Campbell; C. O. Hobbs, deputy collector at Cape Girardeau; T. D. Shrier, deputy collector at Centerville; H. T. Schiver, a deputy collector in St. Louis; and Harry Taylor, assistant cashier. Hellmich in announcing his action said there was a lack of harmony among the employees of the office and he was just beginning a program of removing from office those who did not fully agree with his methods.

The Odessa Democrat is pleading for the neglected persimmon tree. The Democrat claims that corn, tobacco, beans, potatoes and persimmons are America's great gifts to the world and that only the persimmon had failed to receive due appreciation. "Although there were no persimmon trees in Odessa," says the

HE READ VIRGINIA COMMITTEEMAN'S PEDIGREE

AND MADE A KICKING BLOCK OUT OF HIM IN THE PATRONAGE MATTER

OFFICES SOLD LIKE EGGS OR BUTTER AND CHEESE

Just Before He Was Ousted From His Seat and It Given Over to a Gop by the Republican House Congressman Harrison Created a Great Uproar in the House by Springing the Fact That Virginia Patronage Was Sold the Same as Was Wheat or Corn and He Climbed His Chances by Showing the Cancelled Checks Which Proved His Statements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—In a parting shot at his republican foes just before they ousted him recently from the house of representatives on the ground of election irregularities, Representative Thomas W. Harrison, democrat, of the Seventh Virginia district, charged that the life of the republican party in his state was based on patronage, and then proceeded to read letters which he declared "proved incontrovertibly" that patronage had been sold there.

Amid the utmost confusion in the chamber, Mr. Harrison declared that Representative C. Bascomb Slemph of the Ninth Virginia district and republican national committeeman, was the dispenser of all patronage. Then, holding aloft a handful of letters and cancelled checks, Mr. Harrison exclaimed:

People Do Not Understand

"The people of the country do not altogether understand Virginia republican politics. It is a pure matter of patronage, and a question of how they can see at the public trough. Why, I have been hearing all over the district of matters about the sale of patronage. I have been hearing that offices were sold for what money there was in it, and I have right here the incontrovertible proof that it is the condition we have been facing in Virginia."

Mr. Harrison asserted that "the head of this whole business is the distinguished member from the Ninth Virginia district."

"He is the dispenser of all patronage," he added. "He is the man who has to give his indorsement to anybody that applies, not only in my own state, but also, as I understand, in other states."

"Checks by the Bushel"

"I picked up a few checks—checks, gentlemen, by the bushel. They are indorsed, some of them by Mr. Slemph and some of them by Mr. Howard, as his secretary."

Mr. Slemph, interrupting, demanded the date, and Mr. Harrison replied that they seemed to run over a year, from December, 1920, to January, 1922. The checks were not read into the record. Mr. Harrison said most of them were drawn to Mr. Slemph and Mr. Howard and signed by B. R. Powell, whom he later described, in answer to questions from the floor, as a patronage referee. Most of the amounts were under \$100, he said, and several went to the republican national committee.

While he made no reply in the house, Mr. Slemph, in a statement, said that neither Powell nor anybody else had been authorized to collect money for the party organization with the promise of office, and if this had been done it was without his knowledge or approval.

"Must Be Very Careful"

The first of the letters read by Mr. Harrison purported to have been written by Mr. Slemph to Powell in answer to letters "in regard to the collection of money for postoffices."

"One must be very careful about this," the letter said. "It will bring the party into disrepute, which would be bad for everyone. We must preserve our stand with the people and the administration."

It was on the heels of Mr. Harrison's speech, which republicans described as an effort to attack Mr. Slemph, that the house put off debate and voted, 202 to 100, to declare his seat vacant. With this done, it voted, 201 to 98, to seat John Paul, republican contestant, who was immediately sworn in to serve until March 4. Mr. Harrison was elected in November, and will return to his old seat in the new congress.

"Grandma Berning is the possessor of a trunk that is over 160 years old and still good for a number of years' service," relates the Norborne Leader.

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Up in Northeast Missouri, the State highway commission is to shatter a tradition and use sandstone in road making. Ordinarily a sledged stone base is specified, limestone being preferred, but in this instance only sand stone can be obtained nearby. The use of this stone for a base is novel in Missouri but it is not an experiment as sand stone has been used successfully in several other states.

Detective Sergeant Robert Kaiser and Lieutenant Albert Wetzel of St. Louis on Friday received checks for \$2,000 each from Postmaster General Work as rewards for their service in apprehending John Blair, now serving 25 years in Leavenworth for the hold-up of a postal messenger at Jefferson City March 1, 1921. The St. Louis detectives not only supplied the information which led to Blair's arrest, but they recovered \$18,000 of the \$26,500 in Liberty bonds stolen.

William Meers, living near West Plains, on Friday found \$560 in an old cupboard which he purchased from the administrator of the estate of William Schore, a reclusive farmer, several days ago. Upon investigating, Meers found an old rusty can inside the cupboard containing twenty-eight \$20 gold pieces. Schore hanged himself September 18.

"We tremble to think what would happen to Boonville if bank robbers came to our town like they did to Galatin recently," says E. J. Melton in the Boonville Republican. "The other night a policeman here received a call from some people saying they were holding boys suspected of having escaped from the Missouri reformatory, and he replied: 'Well, I'll go out home and get my gun and come right on over.'"

Boonville has become the market for the rabbit industry of the region of Missouri and Arkansas. Business has increased to

large proportions until now it is estimated that at least 3 million rabbits are shipped to that city each year from points in the Ozarks and then reconditioned to the large city markets, where they are sold to consumers.

Ed Martin has a marvel of a hunting dog, according to the veracious chroniclers of the community who make solemn statements to the Progress man. The other day the dog "pointed" a covey of quail and waited patiently for the gunners to arrive on the scene. While thus engaged, a panic-stricken rabbit struck the dog amidships. In about two seconds or so, the dog turned his head, seized the rabbit in his mouth and resumed his "point." When the hunters finally shot into the covey and killed two, the dog promptly killed the rabbit, retrieved the quail and was ready for another job. Some dog.

Dr. Arthur Wakefield Slaten, professor of Biblical literature and religious education at William Jewell college, was officially dismissed from the faculty Friday night for his radical views on religion. The dismissal of Dr. Slaten by the board of trustees, which held secret session Thursday in the directors' room of the Fidelity National Bank and Trust Company, brought to light a movement on the part of the conservative elements of the college to remove from the faculty all instructors whose views on religion were considered radical. For several years it has been common talk in Liberty, the seat of the college, that certain members of the faculty were believed by the rank and file of Baptists throughout the state to be too radical in their views.

The Missouri State Historical society is at present engaged in compiling a "Who's Who" for Missouri. They will have to hurry, for some of these "Who's" are going to be pushed into oblivion in 1924.—Howell County Gazette.